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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPORT REFTEL RE DRILLING EXTENSION IN BEAUFORT SEA. (CANADIAN EMBASSY CALLED EUR/CAN ON SEPT. 9 WITH SIMILAR INFORMATION.)

2. FYI: IN VIEW OF THE PREPARATORY NATURE OF THE ADDITIONAL WORK AUTHORIZED, AND THE UNLIKELIHOOD OF REACHING OIL OR GAS BEARING STRATA WHILE SINKING CASING TO MAXIMUM
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DEPTH OF 1600 FEET, WE DO NOT VIEW THE CANADIAN APPROVAL OF

DOME'S APPLICATION AS A VIOLATION OF U.S.-CANADIAN UNDER-
STANDINGS. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE THE POINT ORALLY
WITH APPROPRIATE EXTAF OFFICIALS THAT, IN VIEW OF THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEXT SEASON'S
DRILLING OPERATIONS WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW DOME'S PROGRESS
AND PLANS WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO REASSESS
POSSIBLE TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION IMPACTS. EMBASSY IS
REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO THE GOC OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
INITIAL TWO WELLS WILL BE DRILLED TO COMPLETION PRIOR TO
THE COMMENCEMENT OF ACTUAL DRILLING VIA THE 5 NEW CASINGS.
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